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Oly külföldi államokkal való forgalomra, hova a levelezőlap díja 10 fillér, külön 10 filléres levelezőlapok szolgálnak.

Dear friend! I read your two articles in the Nation with great pleasure, and thank you to have sent me these interesting essays on very interesting matters.

But in all cases you can boast to understand Arabic better than you did understand Mr. V. - To illustrate the sentence that "a Jew is not a Hungarian" I came in deny of Sciences (the most national institution we have here) elected me (without doubt a pronounced Jew) to the dignity of Class-President of that Institution. The members had not done that, if they did presume that a Jew is a foreigner or a cosmopolitan. Do not believe such nonsense. The essay on the Poetry in Arabia interested me again in a very high degree. You know, that I reflected much on the primitive character of the Arabic <sup>and the primitive</sup> art. I failed the opportunity to ask your opinion on my theory enounced in the first volume of my *Abhandlungen zur Arabischen Philologie* (Chapter: On the origin of the  $\text{س}$ ). I could now make many additions to the examples collected there.

I hope to begin my scientific life in autumn. Then I will fix my attention on the town of Hastings. But you must give me more instructions about the technical character of this article. I cannot invent new things or reveal new ~~scientific~~ verities. Till then I am occupied with the vanities of this world, which I detest more than Koheleth detested them. Besides, I must write a "Geschichtsrissrede" on our lamentated scholar Count Dr. Jéza Thun, to be read in a General Assembly of our Academy, a hard work regarding both the rhetorical and the literary-historical side of the task. We live since three days in a summer-apartment in the neighbourhood of Budapest (3/4 hours with the electric) where I hope to find again my health. What is with your plan to come in the summer over the Ocean? I hope Mrs. MacDonald is again perfectly well. I send compliments to you both from Mrs. Goldziner and your J. Gyr.

Budapest, 20. Mai 1905